and they are thereby put to much trouble. It is therefore prayed that arrangements may be kindly made, so that the Civil Courts might obtain the required information direct from the Sub-Registry Office, a reasonable fee being recovered from the party. This procedure, if adopted, will, besides being a great convenience to the public, be also a source of income to Government.

Mr. Balakrishna Rao spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The question of adopting the practice in force in Madras, where Sub-Registrars themselves search the registers and furnish certificates, will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 41.

The power of signing affidavits to be delegated to Taluk Sheristadars and Sub-Registrars.

Mr. Raghavachar.

Summary of discussion.—Regarding the affidavits to be produced in Civil Courts, the practice at present is that they should be signed by Magistrates. When the Amildars are at head-quarters, there is no difficulty; but when they are out on circuit, people are put to great trouble. It is therefore prayed that Sub-Registrars and Taluk Sheristadars may be empowered to sign these affidavits during the absence of Amildars.

Reply of Government.—Section 197 of the Civil Procedure Code provides that the oath may be administered by any Court or Magistrate or any officer whom the Chief Court or any other authorised Court may appoint in this behalf. The representation is noted and will be referred to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT No. 42.

Reduction of Small-cause jurisdiction of Sub-Judges, and allowing 2nd grade pleaders to practise in Sub-Courts.

Messrs. Channakesava Setty, Ramaswamiengar, B. Kesavaiengar, Kesavadasaiengar, S. R. Balakrishna Rao and V. Raghavachar.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The small-cause jurisdiction of Sub-Judges may be reduced to Rs. 100, and 2nd grade pleaders may be permitted to practise in Sub-Courts.

(2) The small-cause jurisdiction of the Chikmagalur and Hassan Sub-Judges may be limited to Rs. 100.

Reply of Government.—The small-cause jurisdiction of the Sub-Judge of Chikmagalur has been reduced to Rs. 100, and that of the Sub-Judge of Hassan will be reduced when the present incumbent is relieved of the charge.

Regarding relief to 2nd grade pleaders, the Retrenchment Committee has made certain proposals which if adopted will have the desired effect.

SUBJECT No. 43.

Institution of an examination for pleaders in Kanarese.

Mr. Lakshminarayanappa, Heggadevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For want of pleaders in taluk head-quarters, lawyers have to be brought from district head-quarters, which involves heavy expense. It is not possible for all to engage such lawyers, and the result is that justice cannot be had in many cases. It is therefore suggested that an examination may be held in Kanarese to qualify persons to practise as Pleaders in Taluk Magistrates' Courts.